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Canton.

October 16.

We have the N.E. monsoon, sure, at last, but without much rain or force of wind; the atmospheric disturbances of a serious character having been discounted gradually in a rather extended radius around us, promising exemption from cyclones for six months at least.

Let us hope, however, that this will not abate interest in the proposition to found an Observatory upon one of the higher elevations of Hongkong: For, apart from local considerations of its utility or contributory value to the residents and casual sojourners, the recognition of its usefulness will speedily be as wide as the world of Science. In point of eligibility, indeed, no other site East of Cape of Good Hope is comparable to it; and considering its central position in relation to Typhoon in the China Seas, as well as its proximity to the region subject to the phenomena of Earthquake—including Japan, Formosa, the Philippines and contiguous islands—it may be safely predicted that the scientists of all countries will soon and often find their gaze attracted to the "dashing" from the "Victoria" Observatory than to that of any other.

I venture to suggest also (that is, besides the name above, as the right designation, that there be erected, contiguous, a still higher tower than that of the Observatory for a revolving "Light," of the fullest power, to serve for Mariners, to the outer verge of all the Southern and Western dangers, say the Ladrone Islands at S.W., the Asiatic Seas S. by E. being the most distant, and that shall be visible far to the North and East of the Island. Thus constituting Hongkong the "point of departure" for all vessels navigating the China Sea, whether proceeding from or to its harbour or not. Vessels can then "shape their course" with assurance of avoiding the Prata Shoal and gain a fresh direction enabling greater precaution against the Paracels and the Scarborough.

The report you gave us from Manila, two or three days ago, and portending another cyclone, will probably be found to afford a fresh confirmation, in stead, of the theory that the monsoon when setting in with force, begins at the leeward; that is, the vacuum (that nature abhors) exists, at length, at the South in some constituents of the atmosphere or certain meteorological conditions have become established by a prevalence of Southern or Northerly winds whereby reactivity efforts are pinched, alternately in the one monsoon or the other.

In this connection I may mention that as I was crossing the river from Canton on the 25th ultimo, I was startled by the projection of a brilliant meteor directly before me from East to West, but 10 to 15 degrees high, and its explosion into fragments, as I gazing with fascination at its track of splendor.

P.S.—There was an annoying substitution of solid for social on the sixteenth last at my note of the 6th about our loss of Mr. Parker, for which your proof reader could do no solid reason, nor any rhyme, unless it was to confound me with some Ancient Mariner or other!

P.S.—Sunday evening.—The foregoing was written yesterday a.m. to send by the *Powson*, with no suspicion, as you will infer from its tenor, that anything had occurred to detain her; and so little had the barometer or general appearances indicated a gale, that as the afternoon wore away with the *Ichang* also outstanding from your port and both the *Kinehan* and *Tungting* from Mincow, there were conjectures of a disquieting nature somewhat rife among the Chinese, as to the safety of the *Powson*; the hypothesis being that a calamity had befallen her en route and that the other three steamers were detained in the river by efforts for her rescue. Happily the *Ichang's* whistle sounded at about half-past nine, and on going to her I learnt the cause of the detentions; which, however, the range of the barometers noted on your Friday evening's issue does not adequately account for, whilst the lowest marking here was 29.50, with thermometer at 83°. The *Kinehan* and *Tungting* arrived this p.m.

Your Australian correspondent has been absent in the country about two weeks, so "Old-Sportsman" must not think it strange if a rejoinder is wanting.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Choy.)

Monday, Oct. 18.

[The following cases were created on last night.—Ed. C. M.]

A REAL CHINESE CASE.
Wong A King, a coolie, was charged by Mak Ahn, a married woman, with stealing a cotton jacket value \$1, the property of the complainant on the 17th inst. The evidence was very contradictory and the magistrate, inclining to the belief that the defendant's story was true, that this charge was trumped up against him in consequence of some money misunderstanding between them, discharged him, and fined two witnesses Mak Ahn and Chue Ahong \$5, in default ten days' imprisonment with hard labour, for wilfully giving false testimony, and Chue Ahn, another witness, \$20 and \$100 amends to the accused for maliciously preferring a false charge, in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

OBTAINING GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETEXTS.
The case in which Tang Awoon is charged with obtaining goods—8 yards blue cloth and 4 yards black silk—from Mr. Khumiss, on the pretences that they were for Mrs. Mohamed Arab who had never ordered them, in which evidence was given on the 11th, was called to-day and further postponed for another week, bail in \$100 as before.

THEFT OF LEAD.

For stealing a quantity of lead, the property of Lui Tsai Pak, a boatman, a man who had been once previously convicted, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

LARCENY OF WOOD.

Ip Ahai was sent to goal for seven days with hard labour for theft of a piece of wood value \$1 on the 17th inst.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

Chan Aho, wife of Liu Aohai, was charged with the larceny of four gold rings value \$25, and of 60 cents in silver. The case has been tried before. The complainant was now called and was not present, and the defendant was discharged.

LARCENY.

Lai Ahn, a coolie, was convicted of stealing a hair-pin from a woman in Square Street on the 14th, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

DRENCH.

Charles Martin, 43, of Chili, a seaman unemployed, was fined 10 cents, in default six hours' imprisonment.

NO OFFENCE IN LAW.

U Yau Law, a hawker, was charged with trespass, and it was proved that he had been handing opium to a person confined in a cell at No. 7 Police Station. The Magistrate discharged the prisoner on the ground that this was no offence in law.

Another case, in which Ng Yung was similarly charged, was similarly dealt with.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Choy.)

Tuesday, Oct. 19.

BRACED OF OPIUM ORIGINATIONS.
Li Ahn, 45, unemployed, was charged with being in possession of prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Farmer, on the 18th inst.

The case was proved by Inspector Pory, an informer; and defendant was fined \$25, in default to be imprisoned for one month.

Wong Kum Che, 63, of Fan-shui, was charged with selling opium without having a valid certificate from the Opium Farmer.

P.C. George Rogers, proved the case, having obtained defendant's house in Shek-tung-tai on a warrant, on the 18th inst., accompanied by an informer, and there found defendant with two other men who were smoking opium. A glass case full of opium, two pipes, lamps, scales, &c., were also found in the room. Two witnesses were called, who proved having bought opium of the defendant, and also having smoked it on the premises.

Defendant denied having sold opium to any one, and did not recognize the box of opium found in his house.

Prisoner was fined \$30, for retailing opium without a license, in default to be imprisoned for six weeks. The opium to go to Opium Farmer.

PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Pun Ahn, 35, tailor, Chung Ahn, 26, hui Ahn, 24, and several others, were charged with public gambling, on the 18th inst.

Craddock, visited the house No. 7, Steel Y Street yesterday evening, and there found the first, third and fourth prisoners and about nine more playing dominoes on the table with a sum of \$1.00 and a variety of cash, some ten cent pieces, a board on which were written the names of those who owed money, and other gambling gear, but since he had on the premises.

Evidence was given by two men who had been to the house to play at dominoes. The first defendant was charged with public gambling, and was fined \$75, in default to be imprisoned for two months with hard labour.

The third prisoner was convicted of all and abetting in the commission of a misdemeanor and was fined \$50, in default to be imprisoned for six months with hard labour.

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R. A. BOWEN, 8,400 peculs, from Newchwang to Foochow, 25 lay days, 35 cents, to Amoy 35 cents.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

According to advices dated Friday evening last, Sir Thomas Wade and Admiral Coote were then staying in Chefoo. The former, it was expected, would leave shortly for Tientsin in H.M.S. *Imperial*, en route for Peking.

We note the arrival, by the C.C.S.N. Co's steamer *Sin Seng*, of Mr. C. Gardner, H.M.S. Acting Consul at Chefoo, and Mrs. Gardner and family. They are en route to England, and will, we understand, leave by the *India* on Thursday next (14th). Mr. Gardner's service in China extends over a lengthened period, and we hear that he does not intend to return at the expiration of his leave of absence.

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From Tientsin we hear that Li Hung-chang sent his reply to the Grand Council, which was in favour of peace, but he counselled waiting until Pao chao, Ko, Lin, and Tso Tsung-tang had arrived. Li T. Wang had an interview with Li Hung-chang, and stated at daylight on Tuesday morning (12th) for Chefoo in hopes of meeting Admiral Lescapart, in order to leave his intentions. On the 6th instant Tsung Kuo-chang left overland for Shan Hai Kwan, having received an Imperial order to the effect that his presence at Shan Hai Kwan being more required than at Peking, he could proceed there at once.

The funeral of Senor Don C. d'España, the late Minister of Spain, was an important ceremony. The deceased was buried at the French Cemetery and was attended by nearly every foreign resident at Peking.

From Peking we hear that the United States Commissioners are in a fair way of bringing their negotiations to a close. The first conference has been held and the second is expected to meet them. They both speak well of the prospects.

There are a number of growing convulsions in the mind of the little Republic, which was inevitable sooner or later. General Tso Tsung-tang is known to be on his way to Peking by the railway. He is an enemy of the Viceroy. The council will not be favourable to him, and will strengthen the war party in Peking.

A new military department has been created in the department in which the Capital is situated, the Shan Hai Kwan, and Sheng-ching, in which Moukden is situated. Tsung Kuo-chang is military commander, with headquarters at Tientsin. Large numbers of troops are being collected in the vicinity of Moukden. It is believed, will adhere to the Viceroy, in case he is pressed to self-defence by his enemies in the Government.

Orders have been issued for the reconstruction of the mud rampart around Tientsin, known of old as the "Sea of Pao," which was destroyed by the floods a few years ago. This is for a protection to Tientsin, including the foreign Settlements, from harm at the hands of the soldiery about us, who are not always to be trusted when away from their officers.

Thieving and robbery have been on the increase of late. We are having delightful weather now, for which we are thankful.—N. C. Daily News.

Japan.
(Herald.)

It is said that a missionary Kureki, a member of the Christian Church, was arrested on the 15th inst. for having been found in possession of a book containing a list of names of persons who had been baptized by him. The missionary was released on bail, and the book was destroyed.

The popularity of this minister is so firmly established that he is not likely to be removed from office. He is a member of the Christian Church, and his conversion to Christianity was a great event in his life.

Should his resignation of office be accepted, his majority would be reduced to a minority. He is a member of the Christian Church, and his conversion to Christianity was a great event in his life.

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FATAL ACCIDENT TO SENOR GARY.

(Courier.)

Although diligent search has been made, the body of the late Senor Gary, who was drowned on the 11th inst., has not yet been recovered. The search was continued until the 18th inst., but without success. The search was continued until the 18th inst., but without success.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day:

...vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into sections, the moorings ashore are marked h, near the Kowloon wharves are marked c, in conjunction with the figures

Section.

1. From P. and O.
2. From Peddar's
3. From Naval Yard
4. From Pier to E

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	Coast Ports	To-day
	Holbow, &c.	21st, daylight
Insurance Co.	Bangkok	23rd inst.
	N'aki & Yokohama	21st inst.
Co.	Australian Ports	24th inst.

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g & Co.	Singapore
g & Co.	South Sea Islands
g & Co.	Niue
g & Co.	Manila
g & Co.	San Francisco
g & Co.	New York
g & Co.	Freemantle
g & Co.	Havre and Hamburg

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London
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No.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
420	Oct. 6	Com. Klaus

.....	June 21	Yuen Wun Tong
95	Oct. 5	Stanhope Grove
90	Sept. 22	J. Farrow
160	Sept. 21	R. H. Napier
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120		
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350	June 2	Commodore Smith
		John G. Jones
.....		
	Oct. 8	Kwa Kok Tong
250	Oct. 6	M. Mathias

SEASIDE GUN VESSELS IN CANTON WATERS, &c.			
Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.

221	7	70	J. Godall
80	9	20	A. Walker
221	7	70	Stewart
120	2	40	Chinese Admirals
180	6	60	A. Garsson
150	2	40	Chou M. Hu
80	4	20	Read
600	4	120	O. H. Palmer
120	4	40	L. Ping Tye
180	5	30	J. H. Wade
160	4	60	J. B. Murray
180	6	30	Benson

100	5	40	Oblig
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MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS

Blue Jacket	American ship
Brown Brothers	for Manila
Carl Ludwig	British barque

Empress	Hebrew	Scandin
Toochow	Slavonic	Brit
Forward Ho	British	baroque
Hedwig	British	baroque
Janna	British	brig
Klimoschost	Slavonic	brig
Mary Whitridge	for New York	
Mattie Macleay	for New York	
Paul Jones	for New York	
Pelham	British	brig
Sister of the North	British	baroque

D. Maria de Molina	Spanish corvette
Gornostay	Russian gunboat
Moderate	H. M. corvette
Monomachy	U. S. corvette
Nayadunk	Russian corvette
Regatta	H. M. corvette
Thémis	French frigate
Vigilant	H. M. gun vessel

No. 2, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a highly textured, granular surface, likely concrete or stone. The surface is covered in numerous small pits, bumps, and irregularities. In the lower foreground, there is a dark, solid, and somewhat irregular shape that contrasts sharply with the lighter, textured background. The lighting appears to come from the upper left, creating subtle gradients of gray across the texture.